



### Garrison Commander

### Colonel Erich C. Spragg

Hello Team Meade Retirees! Since assuming command of the Fort George G. Meade garrison one year ago, one of my favorite duties is meeting and working for such a vibrant retiree community. The legacy of our military retirees is proud and honorable. We are grateful for your tireless service and thankful for your willingness to share experiences through volunteer activities at Fort Meade. Your assistance whenever help is needed is invaluable, and you are an important cog in the wheel that makes Fort Meade an outstanding community. Thank you for serving as role models for those of us still on active duty. On October 25, Fort Meade will celebrate its 44th

Retiree Appreciation Day. This annual event is our way of saying "thank you" for all you do to make Fort Meade a better community. Our goal this year, as every year, is to make our retiree community feel comfortable and appreciated. There will be many activities happening at this event that will help you stay informed about benefits and entitlements you have earned in return for your faithful service. The Directorate of Human Resources. Retirement Services Office, has worked diligently to design a very special day for you and your family members. Representatives of various services on and off the installation will be available to

share information and answer questions related to your retiree benefits. There will also be opportunity for you to renew acquaintances and hear from distinguished guest speakers. Additionally, RAD offers you the opportunity to explore general health and wellness issues and participate in no-cost medical screening. I sincerely hope you are able to join us and spend the day participating in these activities. As a retiree, you have a first-hand understanding of the honor and sacrifice that comes with dedicated military service. Thank you for your service to this Nation. Soldiers assigned to Fort Meade today -- the Nation's Platform for Intelligence, Information and Cyber Operations and home of the U.S. Cyber Command -are proud to follow in your footsteps.

### Message from the Fort Meade Retiree Council Co-Chairpersons



#### COL Bert L. Rice, USA (Ret)

**Greetings Everyone!** 

I hope you are all doing well and enjoying summer even though it has been rather warm and with abundant rain so far.

The next Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) activities will occur soon. Yes, the next RAD will be conducted on Friday, October 25, 2019 at the McGill Training Center. This venue has worked very well because of its location and it has plenty of available parking.

As in the past, many service organizations will provide interesting and valuable information. In addition, the Fort Meade Garrison staff and Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center (KACC) personnel will be supporting the RAD again which is greatly appreciated. Many retirees and their guests have told me that RAD activities have proven very beneficial to them. So, please come out and see all that happens on this day, which is really designed to be "your day" in recognition of your faithful service.

Again, we will have an opportunity to dine in an "award winning" dining facility

for lunch. We appreciate the cordial and professional support provided by the wonderful dining facility staff and employees. Plan to join us for lunch!

The RAD held on October 26, 2018 was very successful and well attended. Organizations who supported that event are stepping up to support our upcoming RAD. We appreciate the support provided by so many to include Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center.

We are working to finalize the afternoon program. Last year we had a series of speakers who addressed topics of interest. We are considering other options but I can assure you that we will have a program that will be beneficial.

As you know, much is happening on Fort Meade and immediately surrounding the Post in way of construction projects. I have said this before but it bears repeating. Please use caution when traveling to and while on Post. Installation gate operations and hours of operation may change on short notice. Be aware and be safe!

On behalf of all of us, I want to thank our Retirement Service Office staff for their support of a large retiree population served by Fort Meade. They accomplish many duties in support of the retired community and we appreciate it!

RAD activities could not be conducted without the wonderful support of Garrison

Commander Colonel Erich Spragg and his staff. We extend our sincere thanks to all who provide outstanding support.

Again, I offer an invitation to anyone who is interested in joining the Fort Meade Retiree Council. If interested, please let any member of the Council or the Retirement Service Office staff know of your interest. We seek additional Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers to join the Council.

Thank each and every one of you "for my freedom!" We must also continually thank the families who stood with us during our service. Thank you!

I look forward to seeing all of you on Friday, October 25 at RAD activities that will be conducted at McGill Training Center.

"SOLDIER FOR LIFE AND PROUD OF IT!"

#### <u>CSM Matlock Williams, USA</u> (<u>Ret</u>)

Hello retired community,

It's been a year already! I hope and pray it was a good one for you and life is treating you well. This year I witnessed a transition from TriCare to TriCare for life, mandated social security enrollment and transition to an indefinite military ID card. What a rude awakening, thank goodness there were others that had experience with this route and provided advice along the way!

I hope you have a network for your next chapters.

This is where you, our retired members can help others with their next chapters. Just reaching out to someone in our retired community, mentoring others and setting the example will benefit someone. Stay abreast of what is happening to our benefits and compensation. Visit the Soldiers for Life website

#### https://soldiersforlife.army.mil.

Visit the retired soldiers tab; read the newsletter then scroll down to the council report and read it. If you have a retiree issue or interest send it to Ft. Meade's Council or consider joining it and make recommendations to forward through the command. This is how issues and recommendations head to CSA Council.

Be active in the community you support. Take the time to inspire our youth and their family members by talking about your military experiences. You can influence so many by sharing your story and your skills. Talk to family, friends, acquaintances. Sit on panel

discussions, when invited give a speech. I know how humble we can be - but now is the time to brag a little. Also, if you have a business or are a hiring authority - hire our vets.

I join COL Rice in inviting you to participate in the Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) on Friday, 25 Oct 19 at McGill Training Center. Last year was a great success, thank you for joining us. This year, the morning session is the same with the expo, medical screening and flu shots. Enjoy the camaraderie and a good lunch at the dining facility and participate in afternoon events. Our RSO and staff are working in partnership with Kimbrough staff to continue to support you. Come to the RAD and discover something new across the installation!

Lastly, I ask that you offer your time, energy and talents in helping to keep Ft. Meade vital and strong. Volunteer! Take advantage of the services offered on the installation especially the commissary and Exchange. Complete the satisfaction surveys and let your voice be heard.

Best wishes and thank you for your continued service.

A soldier for life! See you at the RAD.

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#### FORT MEADE RETIREE COUNCIL MEMBERS

COL Bert Rice, USA Ret (Chairman)
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#### NOTES FROM THE RETIREMENT SERVICES OFFICER

Please allow me to take this opportunity to introduce myself to all of you. My name is Gavin Johnson, and I will be replacing the outgoing Retirement Services Officer, Mrs. Anna Taylor. At this time I would like to say good luck to Mrs. Taylor in her new role as the Fort Meade DHR Adjutant General, and thank you for your guidance, tutelage, and knowledge in preparing me for the role of RSO. It's my distinct pleasure to have joined the Fort Meade Retirement Services Team to ensure our Retirement community receives nothing but the best quality service available. I consider myself fortunate to have been given this opportunity, as well joining an organization with such an impeccable reputation for its service to the Retirement Community.

The role of RSO will offer new and exciting challenges to me, all of which I am looking forward to. Prior to coming to Fort Meade, my background entailed serving my country for 24 years as a Sergeant First Class (SFC) in the United States Army, working for the Veterans Affairs Office, and the Physical Disability Agency. The last position I held was as the Assistant Retirement Service Officer serving under Mrs. Taylor here at Ft. Meade. Now, I look forward to this new position where my responsibilities will be magnified and I'm quite anxious to get started with these new challenges.

My staff and I look forward to working with all of you now and in the future. I anxiously anticipate the opportunity of chatting with each of you at the next Retirement Appreciation Day 25 October 2019. Glad to be onboard and serving you!

In conclusion, just a few notes I would like to share with you. First, our office is located at 2234 Huber Road room 214. This is a temporary location while we await our new location on Fort Meade. Secondly, Age 60 reserve applications should be submitted 9 months but not less than 90 days prior to 60th date of birth to ensure all documents are received and processed correctly to Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) Cleveland. This will also help in ensuring retired pay is received in a timely matter. Packets are no longer mailed to you, instead please visit <a href="https://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/Reserve%20Component%20Retirements">https://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/Reserve%20Component%20Retirements</a> and download your application. To submit your retirement application email: usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-retirement-application-request@mail.mil or fax: 502-613-4524.

My staff and I look forward to seeing you on October 25, 2019 for Retiree Appreciation Day.

Gavin C. Johnson, SFL-RSO







#### VISIT US ONLINE: FTMEADE.ARMY.MIL

Identification Cards/ Defense
Enrollment Eligibility
Reporting System

2234 Huber Road

Fort Meade, MD 20755

Customer Service 301 677-3342

# Monday through Friday, 0730 to 1530

Military in uniform, without their Family Members, have priority from 0730-0830.

Limited walk-ins are welcome.

Closed last the Wednesday of each month, 0730 - 1230 for training.

18 years and older need two forms of ID unexpired, one must be a picture state ID.

Lost: Military, Civilian and Contractors reporting their CAC as lost, must provide a military police report or a letter from their agency stating the reason for the lost CAC. Military personnel can present a counseling statement from their chain of command.

#### **Military Members**

Official documentation must be presented for any updates or changes (i.e. Promotion Orders, DD 214, and Reenlistment Contact. Name changes must be submitted by unit personnel representatives.

Must present two (2) valid forms of identification that are not expired. One must be a state picture ID.

#### **Family Member**

Dependents 18 years and older must have two (2) valid, unexpired forms of identification and have one of the following:

Sponsor present

Valid Power of Attorney (POA)

DD Form 1172-2: ID Card Application signed by the Sponsor and a Verifying Official

DD Form 1172-2: ID Card Application signed by the Sponsor and a Notary Public

#### For adding Family Members

Spouse: Marriage certificate/license, must contain a seal of the court certified, driver's license (unexpired), birth certificate (must contain the name of at least one parent), Social Security card, photo ID issued by state or local government, final divorce decree, annulment or death certificate from the previous marriage.

Children: Birth certificate, Social Security Card. Children must be 10 years of age to be issued an ID card. With the exception of single parents and dual military.

**Newborn:** Verification of birth from hospital. Sponsor must

present the birth certificate and Social Security card within 90 days.

Single Soldiers and Child Born Out of Wedlock (For Initial Entry-Only Army) Birth certificate, Social Security Card

Must bring one of the following: Voluntary Acknowledgment of Paternity from the state in which the child was born, court order establishing paternity, Dependency Determination (Except Army not required)

#### Step Children

Sponsor must bring the marriage certificate/license, (must contain the name of at least one parent), birth certificate, Social Security Card.

#### **Full-Time Students**

Students age 21-23 years old – Must provide an official letter from the registrar's office on school letterhead indicating that he/she is a full time student, enrolled attending an associate's degree or higher education institution and the expected graduation date. Student can also visit www.studentclearinghouse.org and print the Enrollment

Verification Certificate.
Sponsor must input in block 89
(Remarks) of the DD 1172 the
following statement "The Child
Named is a fulltime student
attending an associate's
degree or higher education
institution and I am
providing over 50% of
monetary support)". Must
have two (2) valid, unexpired
forms of identification.
DFAS Packets, incapacitated
Child (For Initial Entry-Only

DFAS approval, if applicable. Photo ID, military ID, Social Security card, and medical sufficiency statement (memorandum from the doctor).

#### <u>DFAS Packets,</u> <u>Parent/Parent-in-law (For</u> <u>Initial Entry-Only Army)</u>

DFAS approval, valid unexpired photo ID, card, birth certificate and birth certificate of sponsor. Parent-in-law: in addition to above documentation, please include birth certificate and marriage certificate of sponsor and spouse.

The ID Card Facility does not handle the approval for these packets. Once completed you must mail or fax to DFAS Indianapolis Center. All packets need to be recertified every 4 years

## 100% Service Connected Disable Veteran (DAV)

Letter from Department of Veteran Affairs showing member as an honorably discharged veteran rated as

100% service connected, authorizing commissary store and exchange privileges.

Must have a DD Form 214 (Copy of Member 4), an unexpired picture ID, and social security card.

Ward (For Initial Entry-Only Army) (Require a dependency package, except Army)

Court order granting custody to the Sponsor. Court order must stipulate that the child will be in the care and custody of the Sponsor for no less than twelve (12) consecutive months. The court order can designate length of custody by age, time or permanency. Also, must bring their birth certificate, Social Security Card.

Retirees (Initial Retirement)
Initial Retirement: Retirement
Orders and DD Form 214
(Copy 4), Reserve/National
Guard Retirees need
Orders/Letter transferring to
Retired List and authorizing
retired pay. If Medicare eligible,
must present Medicare Card
and must have two (2) valid,
unexpired forms of
identification.

#### <u>Service Members Discharge</u> (ETS)

Must have a DD 214 Member 4, and two (2) valid, unexpired forms of identification.

#### **DoD Civilians**

All data must be previously inputted through Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC). Must have two (2)

valid, unexpired forms of identification.

#### **DoD Contractors**

All data must be previously inputted through Trusted Agent Sponsorship System (TASS).

If going overseas, a Letter of Authorization (LOA)/Synchronized Predeployment and Operational Tracker (SPOT) is required. For the initial card, LOA cannot be older than 30 days. Must have two (2) valid, unexpired forms of identification.



#### FORT MEADE COMMUNITY

#### **NEWS & EVENTS**

#### **VCC** hours

Changes to operating hours. **Regular VCC hours** 

Regular operating hours at the Demps Visitor Control Center are Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 902 Reece Road.

The VCC is closed weekends and from 7 a.m. to noon on the third Wednesday of each month for training.

All individuals who do not have a DoD-issued identification card must go to the VCC for a day pass.

Visit the VCC at least 10 business days in advance to apply for a long-term access pass.

Using the NSA Vehicle and Cargo Inspection Facility entrance at Route 32 is not an approved access point for Fort Meade. This entrance is for commercial vehicles only.

Personnel who use the NSA VCIF entrance may encounter long delays in being escorted off the installation in order to enter Fort Meade at the assigned ACP at Reece Road.

Visitors who arrive on post when the VCC is closed must be escorted on post by an authorized DoD cardholder.

This includes weekends and federal holidays.

For information, call the VCC at 301-677-1064 or visit the Fort Meade Facebook page for announcements on temporary changes to operating hours.

#### Regular gate hours

Regular operating hours at Fort Meade's access control points have been adjusted due to a temporary shortage of security guards, according to the Directorate of Emergency Services.

 Mapes Road/Route 32 ACP closes at 5 p.m. on weekends and federal holidays.

After 5 p.m., ID cardholders must use the Reece Road entrance.

 Weekday operating hours for the Mapes Road/Route 32 ACP remain unchanged: Monday to Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

- Rockenbach Road ACP weekday operating hours: 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Rockenbach ACP is closed weekends
- Reece Road ACP: Open 24 hours
- Llewellyn Avenue ACP:

Inbound traffic, 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Outbound traffic, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

#### Mold inspections update

Mold inspections of homes at Fort Meade are steadily being done.

Corvias, through its independent environmental consulting firm TRC, is working continuously in analyzing samples.

Compiling a report for each home is the most timeintensive portion of this process.

TRC completes inspections in less time than it takes to analyze the samples collected and completes detailed reports fully describing the condition of each inspected home. As a result, there is a backlog of several weeks for reports to be finished and distributed.

TRC is treating this issue as a top priority, using all available resources to work through the backlog and complete reports as quickly as possible.

For more information on the inspection process, including past updates, visit: http://meade.corviasmilitarylivin g.com/we-care. You also may email the WeCare Team at WeCare@Corvias.com or call 410-672-4008.

# Office of Veterans and Military Families

The Howard County Office of Veterans and Military Families recognizes the growing needs of the more than 20,000 veterans who live in Howard County.

The office is dedicated to providing guidance, information and access to Howard County veterans, military families, their dependents and survivors.

The office promotes activities that serve veterans of all ages and collaborates with other service providers to address more complex issues.

With the various programs and services offered within the government, nonprofit and business community, the Office of Veterans and Military Families assists in the navigation of available resources.

For assistance, call 410-313-6400 or email veterans@howardcountymd.go v.

#### **Auto Skills Center**

The Automotive Skills Center offers safety classes
Thursdays and Fridays at

12:30 and 6:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3:30 p.m. at 6530 Taylor Ave.

Safety classes are required to use the facility. Registration is not required.

For more information, call 301-677-5542.

#### **EDUCATION**

#### **Education Center closure**

The Fort Meade Education Center is closed the first Wednesday of every month from 7:30-11 a.m. due to staff training.

The center will reopen after 11 a.m for full counseling services.

For information, call 301-677-6421.

#### Financial, Job Readiness

Joint Services offers workshops and briefings by Army Community Service at the Community Readiness Center, 830 Chisholm Ave., and the Navy Fleet and Family Support Center at 2212 Chisholm Ave., unless otherwise noted.

The free classes are open to active-duty service members and family members, DoD civilian employees and retirees.Registration is required for each class.

Trips to New York City are offered by Leisure Travel Services. All trips depart School Age Center I, 1900

Reece Road, at 7 a.m. and depart New York City at 7 p.m.

Cost for round-trip transportation is \$65. Cost for Broadway-bound trips is \$185 for the show and transportation.

 Dec. 21: Self-directed holiday shopping and sightseeing trip

For information, call 301-677-7354.

• Fort Meade E-9 Association meets the first Sunday of every month at 10 a.m. at VFW Post 160 at 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie.

The next meeting is Sunday.

The association is open to active-duty, retired, Reserve and National Guard E-9s of any uniformed service.

For information about the organization, go to e9association.org.

For information about VFW Post 160, visit http://vfwpost160.webs.com.

• Kritikos Toastmasters Club meets the first three Mondays of every month at 6:15 p.m. at Perry's Restaurant, 1210 Annapolis Road in Odenton.

The next meeting is Monday.

The club offers an opportunity to service members and civilian residents to improve their public speaking skills in a supportive environment.

For information, go to 1686.toastmastersclubs.org or call 410-305-9190.

• Resiliency of Men, sponsored by the Family Advocacy Program, meets every other Wednesday at 1 p.m. at 2462 85th Medical Battalion Ave.

The next meeting is Wednesday.

For information, call 301-677-4118.

• Monthly Prayer Breakfast, hosted by the Religious Support Office, is held the first Thursday of every month at 7 a.m. at Club Meade.

The next prayer breakfast is Nov. 7.

The free buffet includes eggs, bacon, sausage, pastries and fruit.

All Fort Meade employees, military personnel and family members are invited.

For information, call 301-677-6703.

• Sip and Share, hosted by the Exceptional Family Member Program, meets the first Thursday of every month from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Cavalry Chapel, 8465 Simmons St.

The next get-together is Nov. 7. To register, call 301-677-4779.

 Meade Rod and Gun Club meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at Perry's Restaurant and Odie's Pub at 1210 Annapolis Road, Odenton, in the banquet hall in back of the building.

The next meeting is Nov. 7. Dinner is served at 6 p.m.

For more information, call Charisma Wooten at 240-568-6055.

 National Alliance on Mental Illness of Anne Arundel County offers a free support group for families with a loved one suffering from mental illness.

Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Odenton Library, 1325 Annapolis Road.

The next meeting is Nov 7.

For information, visit namiaac.org.

• Single Parent Support Group meets the second and fourth Monday of the month from 5:30-7 p.m. at School Age Services, 1900 Reece Road.

The next meeting is Oct. 28.

For information, call 301-677-7823.

• Parent Support Group for parents of children of all ages is offered by the Family Advocacy Program every first and third Monday of the month from 5-6 p.m. at School Age Center I, 1900 Reece Road. The next meeting is Nov 4. Children are welcome.

Topics include child safety, ages and stages of child development and other contemporary issues.

Registration is required by the Thursday of the previous week.

For more information, call 301-677-7823 or 301-677-3617.

• The Retired Enlisted
Association (TREA) Fort
Meade chapter meets the third
Tuesday of each month from
7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Odenton
Volunteer Firehouse, 1425
Annapolis Road.

The next meeting is Nov 19.

For more information, visit trea.org or call Grant Goods at 443-742-4318 or call Otis Whitaker at 443-306-1104.

 Prostate Cancer Support Group meets at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda on the third Thursday of every month from 1-2 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The next meeting is Nov 21, in the America Building, River Conference Room.

Spouses/partners are invited. Military ID is required for base access.

Men without a military ID should call the Prostate Center at 301-319-2900 at least four business days prior to the event for base access.

For more information, call retired Col. Jane Hudak at 301-319-2918 or email jane.l.hudak.ctr@mail.mil.

 Enlisted Spouses' Club meets the third Thursday of the month at Potomac Place Neighborhood Center.

The next meeting is Nov 21. Social hour is at 6:30 p.m. Meeting is at 7 p.m.

For details, visit ftmeadeesc.org.

 Korean Women's Bible Study meets Sunday afternoons from 12:30-2 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel, 4419 Llewellyn Ave.

For more information, email HyeRan Smith at hyeran.smith@yahoo.com, or call Chaplain (Maj.) Dwayne Hughes at 301-677-7959 or email:

dwayne.w.hughes.mil@mail.mil

The session is aimed at helping couples develop tools to enhance their relationship, gain problem-solving strategies, and create a longlasting relationship. For more information, call 301-677-4118.

 Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, offered by the Annapolis Area Intergroup at Fort Meade, are Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Argonne Hills Chapel Center. For more information. call the Intergroup at 410-268-5441. To find other meetings or information, go to annapolisareaintergroup.org.

 Catholic Women of the Chapel meets every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. for fellowship, prayer and Bible study in the Main Post Chapel, 4419 Llewellyn Ave.

For more information, email ftmeadecwoc@gmail.com.

 Women's Empowerment Group meets Wednesdays from 2-3:30 p.m. to provide a safe, confidential arena for the support, education and empowerment of women who have experienced past or present family violence.

Location is only disclosed to participants. To register or more information, call Samantha Herring, victim advocate, at 301-677-4124 or Katherine Lamourt, victim advocate, at 301-677-4117.

 Protestant Women of the Chapel invites the community to join in fellowship while learning together through interactive Bible study.

The PWOC meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. at Argonne Hills Chapel Center. For information, call 301-677-6703.

- Moms Walking Group, sponsored by Parent Support, meets Thursdays from 8:30-9:15 a.m. at the Family Advocacy Program, 2462 85th Medical Battalion Ave. To register, call 301-677-3617.
- American Legion Post 276 is open to veterans and active-

duty service members at 8068 Quarterfield Road in Severn.

Breakfast is served on the fourth Sunday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon. Specialty dinners are served the third Friday of the month from 5-7 p.m.

Lunches may be purchased from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Happy Hour is 4-6 p.m.

Dinner may be purchased at 6 p.m. on Fridays and the fourth Sunday of every month. Happy Hour is Monday through Friday from 4-7 p.m. Pizza is available at any time.

Annual membership dues cost \$40. Active-duty personnel are eligible to have their first year dues paid by their department.

For information, call 410-969-8028 or visit americanlegionpost276.org.

 Odenton Masonic Center. located at 1206 Stehlik Drive. invites the community, local military, fire/emergency services and local businesses to enjoy its breakfast and specialty dinners.

The center offers an "all-youcan-eat" breakfast every second Sunday from 7 to 11 a.m. Menus are at odentonlodge209.net.

#### **Fort Meade Welcome Guides**

The 2019 Fort Meade Welcome Guides are available for individual and unit use.

The guides contain information on Fort Meade services, units, activities and other important elements of work and family life for members of the Fort Meade community.

For information and distribution, call the Fort Meade Public Affairs Office at 301-677-5602 or 301-677-1388.

#### New gate hours

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Rockenbach Road ACP's new weekday operating hours: 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Rockenbach ACP's new weekend operating hours: Closed weekends Reece Road and Llewellyn Avenue ACP operating hours remain unchanged.

#### Street closure

A portion of Rock Avenue between Roberts Avenue and Redwood Road is closed indefinitely.

The road closure will allow for the razing of a condemned building, which could fall into the roadway.

Detour signs are in place to direct drivers to alternate routes.

This action is necessary to maintain the safety of the Fort Meade community.

Updates on the closure timeline will be provided by Soundoff newspaper, Fort Meade's social media channels and the free Fort Meade app available for iOS and Android mobile devices.

### **HANDY NUMBERS**

#### **FORT MEADE**

ACS/AER (301) 677-5590
CAMP MEADE RV PARK (301) 677-6196
CASUALTY REPORTING (301) 677-2206
COMMISSARY (301) 677-7463
HEALTH BENEFITS ADVISOR (301) 677-8982
ID CARDS (301) 677-3342
ITT (TOURS AND TRAVEL) (301) 677-7354
LEGAL ASSISTANCE (301) 677-9536
KIMBROUGH MED CLINIC (301) 677-8392
POST EXCHANGE (301) 677-7695
RETIREMENT SERVICES OFFICER (301) 677-9603
VISITORS CONTROL CTR (301) 677-1064

#### **ABERDEEN PROVING GROND**

POST LOCATOR (410) 278-5201 ACS (410) 278-7572 CASUALTY REPORTING (410) 306-2345 COMMISSARY (410) 278-3101 ID CARDS (410) 306-2389 LEGAL ASSISTANCE (410) 278-1583 MEDICAL CLINIC (410) 278-1719 POST EXCHANGE (410) 272-6829 RETIREMENT SERVICES OFFICER (410) 306-2320

#### **FORT DETRICK**

POST LOCATOR (301) 619-8000 CASUALTY REPORTING (301) 619-3286 COMMISSARY (301) 619-2616 ID CARDS (301) 619-6635 MEDICAL CLINIC (301) 619-7175

### DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE (DFAS)

U.S. MILITARY RETIRED PAY TOLL FREE: 1-800-321-1080

FAX: 1-800-496-6559

#### **Morning Session**

Welcome & Registration 0900-1100
Information Booths/Medical Screening 0800-1145

0800-1200

Lunch at Freedom Inn Dining

1200-1300

Facility (\$5.60)

Flu Shots

A shuttle is provided starting at 1130

#### Afternoon Session 1300-1500

#### **Posting of the Colors**

Meade High School Honor Guard

#### **National Anthem**

Meade High School

#### Invocation

Religious Support Office, Fort Meade

#### **Retiring the Colors**

#### Welcome

COL Bert Rice (USA Retired)

Chairman, Fort Meade Retiree Council

#### **Introductory Remarks**

COL Spragg

Garrison Commander

#### Remarks and Introduction of Speaker

COL Bert Rice (USA Retired)

Chairman, Fort Meade Retiree Council

#### **Guest Speaker**

Mr. Phillip A. Munley

Director, Maryland Veterans Administration

#### **Closing Remarks**

CSM Saundra Matlock-Williams

Co-Chairperson, Fort Meade Retiree

Council

#### \*\*Raffle Prizes\*\*

#### **Directions to Fort Meade Entrance Gates**

**From North** – Travel south on Route 295 to the Jessup/Odenton exit (Rte. 175). Exit east on Route 175 towards Odenton. Turn right onto Reece Road (3rd light).

From West – Travel east on Route 175, turn right on Reece Road.

From the East – Travel Route 175. Either enter at the gate on Llewellyn Road (this will not permit you on to the main post) or the gates at Reece (Open) or Mapes Road (Currently Closed).

From South – Travel North on Route 295 (Baltimore Washington Parkway) and then east on Route 198. Take the circles at Rte. 32 and come through Mapes Road entrance or drive North on 95 then east on Route 32 to Mapes Road.

#### \*Notes

- For your convenience, the Installation will post directional signs guiding you to the RAD event.
- Be prepared for possible traffic delays.
- Please fill out the registration form included in this publication and return it as soon as possible.
- Refreshments are provided by AUSA.
- If possible, please bring exact change to purchase lunch tickets.

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RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY
McGILL TRAINING CENTER
October 25, 2019
0900-1500

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